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Green Ribbon Schools Pillars of Achievement										
<b>I. Environmental Impact and Energy Efficiency</b>	<b>See Footnote 1</b>									
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reduced or eliminated greenhouse gas emissions, using an energy audit or emissions inventory and reduction plan, cost-effective energy efficiency improvements, conservation measures, and/or on-site renewable energy and/or purchase of green power;</li> </ul>										
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improved water quality, efficiency, and conservation;</li> </ul>										
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reduced solid and hazardous waste production, through increased recycling, reduced consumption, and improved management, reduction, or elimination of hazardous waste streams; and</li> </ul>										
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expanded use of alternative transportation to, during and from school, through active promotion of locally-available, energy-efficient options and implementation of alternative transportation supportive projects and policies.</li> </ul>										
<b>II. Healthy School Environments</b>										
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An integrated school environmental health program based on an operations and facility-wide environmental management system that considers student, visitor and staff health and safety in all practices related to design, construction, renovation, operations, and maintenance of schools and grounds; and</li> </ul>										
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>High standards of nutrition, fitness, and quantity of quality outdoor time<sup>1</sup> for both students and staff.</li> </ul>										
<b>III. Environmental and Sustainability Education</b>										
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Interdisciplinary learning about the key relationships between dynamic environmental, energy and human systems;</li> </ul>										
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use of the environment and sustainability to develop STEM content knowledge and thinking skills to prepare graduates for the 21st century technology-driven economy; and</li> </ul>										
<b>The Eco-Schools USA Seven Step framework that is an integral part of our program aligns itself to this target under Environmental and Sustainability Education.</b>										
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Development of civic engagement knowledge and skills, and students' application of these to address sustainability and environmental issues in their community.</li> </ul>										

<sup>1</sup> Local prevailing weather conditions over the course of the school year will be considered in assessing this element to account for regional variability.